

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Section(s): 11.5.3.1, 18, 19.7.8

Comments:

Applies to health care occupancies such as hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities classified as limited care facilities. Does not apply to assisted living facilities classified as residential board and care occupancies, or to any other occupancy.

Question: Are small electric appliances such as candle warmers or mug warmers acceptable in health care occupancies?

Response: No. Electric heat-producing appliances can be a fire hazard when left unattended, or when not used properly. Such appliances are limited in use as specified below.

Electric heat-producing appliance such as candle warmers and mug warmers are permitted for use only in nonsleeping staff and employee areas. Such devices are prohibited in corridors, spaces open to corridors and sleeping rooms.

This interpretation replaces the original interpretation dated February 01, 2007. Plug-in air fresheners have been removed from the interpretation as they are not specifically prohibited.

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